

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 27th 2002

North Kildare Radio Club

We regret to announce that the North Kildare Radio Club (EI2NKR) has ceased to operate. The licence has been returned to the ODTR and the clubs IRTS membership has ceased. The club has had to close as a result of lack of attendance, mainly due to the fact that most members have moved away from the area.

East Cork Radio Group (EI7M)

The Annual general Meeting of the East Cork Group was held on Thursday January the 3rd at the club premises at Poer Head. The outgoing Chairman/Secretary Cormac EI4HQ reported on another successful year for the group, the highlight probably being the visit of some members of the Bristol Contest Group for the CQWW SSB contest where the long standing EI9CB multi-singe EI record score was finally surpassed.

The two-man team of EI6BT and EI4BZ achieved second place in Europe in the ARRL Contest and for the first time in Europe the 2000 QSO barrier was broken in the SSB Field Day. As usual, a station was entered in the open section of CW field day and there were 3 single operator entries in the IOTA Contest. John EI8IR and Jim EI8GS put in very creditable entries in the ARRL 10 Metre SSB Contest while Dave EI4BZ and Jeremy EI5GM did single band entries on 80 and 10 metres in the CQWW DX CW contests.

During the year Cormac EI4HQ got the EI0TEN 10 metre beacon up and running and plans are well advanced for other bands.

The following Officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman; Jim EI8GS, Secretary; Jerry EI6BT, Treasurer; John EI8IR, QSL Manager; Denis EI6HB and Webmaster; Cormac EI4HQ. The group decided that subject to sufficient interest, a 2 metre transatlantic beacon would be set up during the summer. Anyone interested should contact EI4BZ.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday the 30th of January 2002 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Social and

Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. This is an important meeting and all members are asked to attend. Visitors and new members are welcome. For up to date information about the club visit www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg For inquiries contact searg@angelfire.com or phone 087-6302026.

Cork Repeater Group Cork Repeater Group will be holding it's AGM on Tuesday evening the 19th of February at 8pm. The venue is Wilton Park House, Cork. Subscriptions are 20 Euro and can be paid to John Mooney EI6AK.

South Dublin Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club takes place on Tuesday the 12th of February at 8.00 p.m. in the club QTH at Marian Road, Rathfarnham. This is an important meeting, and all members are requested to attend.

Cork Radio Club

Congratulations to Anatoly Mezenlov who was given the callsign EI4JF and Denis McCarthy who was given the callsign EI8FVB. We wish them many happy years on the bands. It is hoped to have a get together for all the new licensees in Cork Radio Club the near future.

Maintenance and other work has been carried out at the club QTH at Wilton Park House over the weekend. The Windom antenna has been raised higher and now radiates better. The club would like to thank Jeremy EI5GM and David EI9FBB for their work.

Chuck Coughlan Ei4IS has taken over the management of the Cork DX Award form Frank EI4EVB who has been managing the award for the past few years. A newly designed certificate is being planned.

Awards

With the IRTS AGM only six weeks away, all holders of trophies should return them as soon as possible to Peter Grant EI4HX. If you cannot arrange the return, please contact any committee member.

Nominations are also requested for the Arup Cup, Collins Cup and the Pat Conway Cup. These are presented for service to the hobby or to the society. These should be

sent to the Awards Committee, care of Peter Grant EI4HX. See the IRTS web site for contact details.

The Ian Morris Trophy is awarded to the Short-wave Listeners with the most DXCC entities heard during the past year. There are two trophies for home construction and equipment being entered should be brought to Knock on the day of the AGM.

DX News

Mike EI4HF has gone on a Concern sponsored 'DXpedition' to Afghanistan. He left EI on Friday the 18th of January from Cork. His flight takes him from Dubai to Islamabad and then to Mazar-I-Shariff in Afghanistan. He will be in Mazar for 2 days and then a 4-wheel drive over Hindu Kush Mountains to a place called Fayzabad in Hindu Kush Mountains. When finished there, it's on to Taloquan and eventually Rustak all in Hindu Kush Mountains. When finished there its back to a place called Charnan, which is a camp on the Pakistan border near Kandahar in Afghanistan. WX conditions there at the moment are bad with lots of snow and the temperature is around minus 20 at night in Hindu Kush Mountains.

There are other UN operators active from YA so our hope is that Mike will get in touch with some of them. All his friends in the Amateur Radio world wish him well.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

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